The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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Dominican-Go-Round

Rep. Brooks Hays of Arkansas today begins closed-door hearings on the bloody operations of the bloody dictator of the Do-minican Republic. Here are some tips he might probe regarding a country founded on terror which has had the blessing of certain high-placed Americans . . . The dictator himself is suave, charming, a master showman. He has beaten his daughter Angeleta so badly that she has required plastic surgery. His spies are every-where. John Frank, the former FBI man now indicted by a Federal grand jury, wired Trujillo's palace for sound so the dictator could listen to every word spoken in every room. Gen. Espaillat, former Dominican Consul in New York, now on the lam, is the man the State Department wants returned to the United States for questioning in the murder of Columbia University Prof. Jesus de Galindez. Espaillat is one of the rising young men among Trujillo's conspirators.

The seven Dominicans who robbed the Royal Bank of Canada in Santiago could tell you how Espaillat operates—if they were alive to tell the story . Manuel de Moya, who has arrived here to become Ambassador to the U.S.A. but whom the State Department doesn't want as ambassador, has handled many of Trujillo's large investments in the United States. His pay is high and he earn's it ... Hector Trujillo, brother of the dictator, is official President of the Dominican Republic. His fitle is a paper one. He lives with his mother, is supposed to be very religious, has a 16-year acquaintance with the daughter of an exmarine sergeant who helps run the island. Rafael Trujillo, son of the dictator, is chief of staff of the air force, a handsome, conceited, unattractive playboy, a great disappointment to his father, but great admirer of the love-making of Rubirosa.

These are a few of the weird cast of characters who have made the Dominican so-called republic one of the most terror-ridden places in the world, and have extended part of their terror to the U.S.A.

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